

## THE EXECUTION OF CHARLES LANGFELDT AND HIS COMPANION, THOMAS MOSE.

Charles Langfeldt, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Catherine Madenmacher, was executed yesterday, at ten minutes before two o'clock, in the yard of the county jail. The murder was perpetrated early on the morning of March 23d, 1844, and for cold blooded barbarity stands unparalleled in the criminal records of Pennsylvania. A young, lovely and blooming wife, of one of our most respectable citizens, was struck down by the ruthless hand of an assassin, and this, too, in the heart of the city, causing the most intense excitement to prevail. But the murderer did not escape long. The police and a number of our citizens were on the ground, and on the afternoon of the next day Langfeldt was arrested, and was fully committed by the Mayor on the following Monday afternoon. Of the evidence it is unnecessary now to speak. Our readers are doubtless familiar with his general tenor. The prisoner having been tried and convicted, his death warrant was signed by the late Governor of this State, on the 15th of June, and was duly communicated to the doomed man by Sheriff Lelair. He seemed to regard the death warrant as a mere joke, and his actions, under the circumstances, attested every one who was present the reading. Since that time up to the latest moments of his existence, he preserved the same stolid indifference as to his fate, and protested that he never expected the murder. He was generally speaking quite cheerful, and with those who visited him in his cell, he would enter into familiar conversation. To my the least, he was an extraordinary man, and instead of preparing himself for the awful doom which awaited him, by making his peace with his Maker, he seemed to be swayed by the crude notions of superstition and German transcendentalism, and served himself for his fate, with a recklessness, which some may have already construed into firmness. This execution was looked upon as a thing certain, and as the day drew near, the Sheriff was beset on every hand, and at almost every hour, for tickets of admission. The law, however, being such, many of the applicants were disappointed, yet enough were present at the scene.

We arrived at the prison at a few minutes after ten o'clock, and found quite a concourse of people, a number of whom were females, standing in front of its frowning walls. In a moment or two, the creaking of the hinges of the heavy gates announced the opening of the same, and the jury of twelve men, and the reporters of the press, were soon inside. A rush made by the spectators to get in, but they might as well have attempted to butt their way through the stone walls.

At the time of our arrival, Charles Langfeldt was in communication with two Catholic priests, but he refused to make, with any other man or men. It appears that the Catholic clergymen wished him to communicate with them alone, and that if he was guilty of the murder to confess it to them, and they would give him "extreme unction." He refused to comply with their request, and they retired from the cell. The priests had been with him for several hours, and just as they were about to leave, the Rev. Mr. Chambers entered. He was also visited by the Rev. Mr. Fleischman, who seemed to be regarded as somewhat of a favorite, and also by the Rev. Mr. Coleman and others of the clerical profession. A number of incidents took place in the cell during the morning, mostly uninteresting to the general reader. We will recite one, however. The Rev. Mr. Chambers asked Langfeldt why he refused to pray. He replied, God knew his heart. Would you refuse to ask the Governor to pardon you? rejoined Mr. Chambers. "Oh, no," replied Langfeldt, with a slight shrug of his shoulders, a smile playing on his face at the same time. Then why do you refuse to ask God to pardon you? "Oh," said Langfeldt, "I pray with you in general, I pray with you."

The little congregation then knelt in that cell, and a fervent prayer was offered to the Throne of Grace. Langfeldt requested not to be hung until half past one o'clock. His request was of course complied with. At twenty five minutes before two o'clock, the Sheriff and his deputy, with several members of the press, entered his cell, and the arms of the criminal were then lifted above the elbows. He offered no resistance. He was then led from his place of confinement to the gallows, in the western end of the yard. He was dressed in citizen's dress, and wore a glazed leather cap. His face during the morning was considerably flushed, but when he appeared on the scaffold, he was pale and piercing look came from his small gray eyes, and he endeavored as much as possible to appear obstinately indifferent as to the result which would take place in a few moments. He was attended from the cell to the gallows by the Sheriff, jury, clergy, inspectors, and about fifty other persons.

He ascended the scaffold without help, and was followed by the Sheriff, the Mr. Fleischman and Mr. Neill, an inspector of the prison. Langfeldt looked around on the assemblage, and spoke in a low tone to Mr. Fleischman, and the latter gentleman stated that he had been requested to interpret a speech, which the condemned one was about to make in the German language. The following speech was made. It will be seen that the prisoner does not positively assert his innocence, but seems to upon a contingency. His allusion to a person "lying on his bed," as being an incompetent witness, is a strange fallacy indeed.

"Here I stand on the point of leaving this world, to go to my creator. He knows all things without witnesses, and can judge without witnesses. I was condemned by the Court in Philadelphia, as the murderer. The fifteen witnesses appeared against me, and the judges can have no spirit for themselves in condemning a man under such circumstances. Upon the statement of a person lying on his bed, no conclusion can be drawn that another was guilty of the murder. (Here Langfeldt faltered very much.) My writing, published in the Ger-

man Democrat paper, proves my innocence. I forgive all—I am going to my Creator, who can judge me for all good and evil. I forgive the judges, the jury, and the witnesses. God will judge." A pause of about a minute ensued. Mr. Fleischman then stated that the culprit had written a statement, which, at his request, will be published in the German paper of this city. The Sheriff then drew a dark colored cap over Langfeldt's head, and placed the rope around his neck. He shook hands with the minister and the Sheriff, and bidding them good by, stood alone on the scaffold, on the brink of eternity.

The two outside props were noiselessly removed, and the next moment the mainstay was pulled away, and Langfeldt fell. A shudder ran over the multitude; and just as quickly many were impressed with the belief that the rope had broken, and there was a rush made towards the scaffold. The rope, however, did not break, but performed its duty as well as could be wished. The fall was as at least three feet, and the criminal swung clear of the ground. Thus ended the earthly career of as cold blooded a murderer as ever cursed the city of Philadelphia with his presence. The gallows used on this occasion was the one on which Charles Moser expiated the crime of murder, and it was erected on the same spot.

During the morning, a number of boys, by means of a ladder, ascended to the top of the wall which encloses the prison yard. The officers being in the east end of the prison at the time, the climbers were not interrupted until nearly a hundred were strong along the wall, like so many so many black birds. The intelligence was communicated to the Sheriff, and he summoned his posse, who proceeded at once to drive them from their position. The wall is about twenty feet high, and from its top to the ground was a fearful leap. The ladder by which the curious and anxious persons had ascended had been removed, and another was obtained and placed against the wall inside, and the party was told to come down. Some of them accepted the invitation, but others were afraid, and some of them even leaped from their eminence outside, and were injured in consequence.

The following is an official statement of an investigation made on the deceased:—

Philadelphia, Oct. 20th, 1848.

In the presence of the Sheriff and the officers of the County Prison, I examined the neck of Charles Langfeldt after he was executed, and an satisfied dislocation of the second vertebra took place, throwing the detached portion of that bone forward, thereby producing pressure on the spinal marrow, and that death was instantaneous, and the contortions of the body were nothing more than muscular contraction.

Signed WASHINGTON J. DUFFE, M. D.

The following is a literal translation of the statement alluded to by the Rev. Mr. Fleischman at the conclusion of the speech of Langfeldt. It is a curious document. It is a mass of words so strangely put together, that one cannot exactly comprehend the meaning of them.

"DEATH.—Which is soared is the sole rest. Nothing would be a misfortune if I should would take the faithful with his friend. The faithful Charles Langfeldt has soon accomplished his pilgrimage. This forsaken and the greatest words are not to be regretted. He that sees his end has fallen into the first steps to be happy. He is contented within himself. But the faithful friends live in the land who keep their life for to suffer. They are those for whom one should weep, who deserve tears. Unnecessary foreigner! unhappy traveler! like myself under a great mass. Linethanes who returns to what he loves. He believed he was in the midst of savages. He speaks and is not heard. They speak to him and soon he can answer no more. These two languages are unknown to his heart. I imagine very well that it is one's duty to sleep for evermore.

[Inaccessible aux memo tout celle de la vertu.] Inaccessible for all virtue. It is here where I stop my pace. It is here where I burn my ashes. I feel yet a desire without ceasing. My eyes were fixed upon Philadelphia to have there my grave, and may the grave remove without ceasing.

CHARLES LANGFELDT.

One of "Hoe's Last Fall" four cylinder revolving presses, similar to the pair upon which the Ledger is printed, was shipped from New York last week for Paris, to be used on "La Patrie," the same having been built to order. Eight, if not ten, of these presses are demanded in Paris for use by the several papers of large circulation. As the French laws prohibit the introduction into France of machinery of foreign manufacture, all but this one will necessarily have to be manufactured in that country. For liberty to build in this country, and introduce into France this one as a "working model," Col. Hoe obtained special permission of the French Government under the monarchy, last winter, whilst in Paris; and he has now gone out again having started in the Cambria on the 18th, to put this press in operation, and arrange for the building of the others in Paris, under the superintendence of one of the young men brought up in his establishment, by whom he is accompanied. The price of these presses is twelve thousand dollars each. Success to the American invention and the inventors.—*Phila. Ledger.*

MAIL ROBBERS ARRESTED.—John Curry who was arrested at Montgomery, Alabama, for mail robbery, was a stage owner and mail contractor between Pikesville, in Alabama, and Columbia, Mississippi. He has robbed the mails of it is supposed, many thousand dollars, and among them the mail packages of St. John, Power & Co. This was effected easily, as he and his confederates had keys of the patent brass locks, and could open the mails at pleasure. His detection and arrest were effected by great skill—he was almost taken in the very act, and was forced to disgorge the packages which he had purloined the night before.

A Maiden Lady, named Susanah Laurent, died at Montreal, at the advanced age of 105 years and 5 days.

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Washington 3973 3872 3948 4065

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Westmoreland 4978 2672 4955 2856  
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8th " Thaddeus Stevens, W.

9th " William Strong, D.

10th " M. M. Dimmick, D.

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12th " David Wilcox, F. S. D.

13th " Joseph Casey, W.

14th " C. W. Pittman, W.

15th " Henry Nes, W.

16th " J. McLanahan, D. gain.

17th " Samuel Calvin, W.

18th " Andrew J. Ogil, W.

19th " Job Mann, D.

20th " Robert R. Reed, W